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**VILLA, THE MAN.**—Floyd Gibbons is sending to the Tribune some of the best newspaper stories that have come out of Mexico. His story about Villa in Wednesday's Trib was great. Here are a few quotations from the "uneducated" Mexican who says it took him a year to learn to write his own name:

"My fight is simply the fight of the poor people for a chance to live. We want conditions under which the children can be educated and brought up to be intelligent citizens.

"Education and civilization take away from men a few things which books and learning fail to put into them.

"All that is asked of the foreigners in Mexico is that they obey the laws and don't try to take everything out of the country without leaving something behind.

"Mexico will be without liquor when peace comes, if it is in my power. Mexico is suffering from it now. It is not only the effect of the stuff upon those who drink it, but the effect upon those who are to come. Most of the epilepsy is caused by drunkenness. The children are the sufferers, and, as usual, the poor suffer the most from it."

The story I refer to was the best story in Wednesday's Trib and was on an inside page.

**UNTIL—YOU GUESS IT!**—The Dupont Powder Co. has increased the wages of all employes 20 per cent, beginning April 1 and to continue until the end of the present year, and, if possible, longer.

Meaning, we presume, until the war ends and the demand for powder becomes again normal. It's an ill-wind that blows nobody good.

**WANTS TO JOIN US.**—From El Paso comes the report that the rich southern state of Yucatan has resolved to secede from the Mexican republic and secure permission from the United States to become a protectorate of this government.

It is believed also that the Mexican territory of Quintana Roo, to the south of Yucatan, will join in the movement. This would form a solid block on the south of Mexico, under American control or protection, adjoining Central America. Yucatan has sought for half a century to secede from the central government of Mexico and being, as it is, geographically isolated and cut off from railroad connection with other parts of the republic, the move would be a good one for itself and of much advantage to the United States.

## SHORT ONES

The fellow who wants to reap his reward with a self binder usually is too lazy to drive the binder.

They are raising such a wind about that open door to China it is likely to blow shut at any moment.

This war is more and more ridiculous. What's the satisfaction of killing any one you're not personally acquainted with?

Some girls are so hard-hearted that they'd ask a man how much life insurance he carried when he declared himself ready to die for her.

Old Doc Wiley declares there is absolutely no danger in kissing a girl on the cheek but we advise him to be careful in picking the girl.